CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Sexxxtasy: Pussy & Pigtails

Other known title(s): Pussy & Pigtails

OFLC ref: 1200773.000

Medium: DVD

Distributor: Not stated

Director: Not stated

Producer: Not stated

Country of origin: United States

Language: English, Spanish

Applicant: Secretary for Internal Affairs

Classification: Objectionable.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 22 January 2013

Date of direction to

issue a label:

No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 18 January 2013

	Components	Running time
Menu:	Play	
	Scenes	
	Photos	
Feature(s):	Sexxxtasy: Pussy & Pigtails	546:06
Timed component(s):	Photos	0:50
	Notices	0:20

Total running time:	547:16

Summary of reasons for decision:

The DVD is classified as objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes and the use of violence and coercion to compel a person to submit to sexual conduct.

The DVD's feature comprises 25 scenes of explicitly depicted sexual activity between men and women. Many of these scenes strongly emphasise the youthful appearance of the women to the point that they take on the characteristics of young teenagers in their facial expressions, manner of dress, behaviour and in many cases the setting and their inexperience in sexual matters. The overwhelming effect, despite the likely actual ages of the women, is to promote young teenagers as sexually desirable and enthusiastic for adult sexual activity.

Some of the scenes also involve sexual abuse, sexual violence, or sexual coercion within their setups, in a manner that presents sexual coercion and sexual violence as sexually arousing and acceptable behaviour.

Consideration has been given as to whether the publication would receive a classification other than objectionable if excisions were made. However, given the pervasiveness of the problematic material, excisions are considered impractical in this case.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as provided by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable.